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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/769,405
Applicant: Arthur W. Lauder
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In response to the Office action of April 7, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are shown beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.